PRICE TWO CENTS.

LEWIS TO TELL GRAND JURY

OF INSIDE OPERATIONS OF THE CUMMINS CARNEGIE CROWD.

Deposits Said to Figure-Inquiry Now Directed at the City Chamberlain and the State Banking Department.

Liston Leone Lewis, who was the legal adviser of William J. Cummins and who was a director in the Carnegie Trust Company when Cummins was getting money right and left from bankers by telling them that he was a friend of City Chamberlain Hyde and could swing city deposits, will be a witness to-day before the Grand Jury. Mr. Lewis has consented to give the Grand Jury the benefit of his inside knowledge of the operations of the Cummins crowd and to tell what he knows about Cummins's boasts that Mr. Hyde would do what Cummins re-

Mr. Lewis has been from the District interesting figures in the Carnegie's wide range of activities. Judge Whitman appears to think that Lewis can corroborate a lot of things that have been testifled to before the Grand Jury concerning Cummins's marked success in getting loans and concerning note transactions that have been looked upon with suspicion by the State Banking Department and the Grand Jury. It is surmised also that Mr. Lewis may be able to supply information about cash that disappeared from the Carnegie's Trust Company's counters while bank examiners were

The lawyer who will talk about Cummins. Hyde and others to-day has this town a member of the law firm of Hatch, Keener & Clute, he later formed a partnership with Judge William A. Keener, who was also a director of the Carnegie. They had offices at 115 Broadcompany. Then Keener and Lewis had a misunderstanding over Carnegie Trust Company matters and Lewis withdrew.

It is understood that Lewis has made a pretty full statement to the District Attorney and that he is ready to repeat he statement before the Grand Jury He will be asked, it is conjectured, what Cummins ever said to him personally city deposits for the banks that obliged. action here, the Grand Jury has already the chauffeur driving. neen told. A tip got to the Carnegie He was told, he says, that it wasn't considered a good thing to let the examiners

Also in connection with this transaction there will be, it is expected, some es to why the collateral that Robin put -he siccks and bonds of the South shore Traction Company, the Northern Brnk and the Fidelity Development Company that were sold as auction a few days ago for \$95,000-were handed back to Robin. Robin has testified that he know nothing about the substitution

Another subject of interest for the Grand planation as to why he signed himself as one of the nine guarantors to the four notes for \$600,000 each that Cummins made when the project to get control of the Van Norden string of banks was put in movement. One of these notes was drawn by the Independent Fertilizer Company, which had been put out of business by a court decision and didn't have a dollar's worth of assets anyway. Moreover Mr. Lewis will be asked to explain how the stock of the Platt Iron Works was switched from George L. Dyer to Andrew Carnegie without Dyer's knowlwhen Mr. Carnegie responded o the appeals of Clark Williams and others to befriend Mr. Cummins.

The Grand Jury enters this week on what the District Attorney considers the most important phases of the whole in-The internal affairs of the Carnegie Trust Company-matters such as the alleged larceny of \$335,000 by William Cummins for which Cummins was three times indicted have been subordinated now to two lines: Was there an actual arrangement by which four national banks and fifteen State banks and trust companies were to get city deposits for giving Cummins money on no security? And was there grafting by bank examiners which was known to bankers and covered through fear of getting "in bad" with

adge Whitman expects that several who have had a week to study the quesons and directions attached to the sub- Bay Thas will appear this afternoon. The Attorney has already been inofficials under subporna is friendly that they are rather inclined to welin inquiry. All of them submitted vers as a matter of course. The Dis-Morney has described the character if the questions and suggestions as an mury meant to cover the administration of City Chamberlain Hyde up to date and the work of the State Panking Department in 1909, 1910 and this year.

The Grand Jury is expected to indict afternoon a former president of the arnegie Trust Company, the indictment the based on an alleged misdemeanor lure to report to the directors a change of entry in connection with the \$127,000

loan in city bonds obtained from the Northern Bank. The Grand Jury doesn't want to deal harshly with the official in question. Many persons have come forward to speak as to his good character and to say that he was used by others. Furthernore, the District Attorney believes that Boasts by Cummins of His Pull on City the official will not be unwilling to clear up certain points that the Grand Jury considers essential.

Bank Superintendent O. H. Cheney will return to-morrow from Colorado. While he has been away Receiver Egbert and Lawyer Hartfield, in charge of the collection of money due the Carnegie and of liquidating assets, have made considerable progress. It is understood now that deficit will be under \$2,000,000. receiver is negotiating for the sale of the South Shore Traction franchise and the Morris Park property held by the Fidelity Development Company.

CHINA SURRENDERS.

Unable to Fight Russia, So Accepts All Demands of the Czar.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN PEKIN, March 26. China has decided not to resist the demands made upon her Attorney's point of view one of the most in the ultimatum sent yesterday from Russia

> The Chinese Foreign Board notified the Russian Minister here, M. Korostovetz, to-day that a note formally acquiescing other than his own sense of duty to vote in the demands of the Czar's Government will be delivered to-morrow.

Several conferences between member of the Foreign Board preceded the notification of the surrender on the part of It is understood that the board was

practically unanimous in the opinion that China was powerless to insist on her view of the questions under discussion LONDON, March 27 .- The Pekin corre-

spondent of the Times telegraphs his paper ridiculing the rumors from Europe been a director of the Carnegie Trust of the possibility of war between Russia Company for several years. First in and China. He asserts that such an eventuality is not only impossible but inconceivable.

He adds that China rather than give Russia the pretext of occupying her outlying and defenceless territory is prepared way in the same building with the trust to send Russia whatever reply M. Korostovetz himself might choose to draft.

GOELET'S CAR KILLS A CHILD. Fatal Aceident to a Little Girl in the

Village of Chester. MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., March 26 .- When returning from inspection of his famous dog kennels at Chester this afternoon about Cummins's relations with the City Robert Goelet's car, driven by a chauffeur. Chamberlain and if Cummins ever told struck and ran over little Marie Potter him that certain loans had been obtained of that village. She died a few minutes on condition that Cummins would get afterward. Geelet picked her up, placed her in his big French car and drove to The Grand Jury may want to know why her parents' home. Goelet drove a six ewis's law clerk, William Ferguson, cylinder 70 horse-power Detrich car was permitted to make a renewal note from Manhattan to his kennels, which for \$230,900 to cover up loans that Robin | are four miles west of Chester, this mornof the Northern Bank had obtained from ing. Lete this afternoon he was returnthe Carnegie. There was some quick ing to New York to keep an appointment.

When passing through Chester several shortly before it closed that the bank children were returning from Sunday examiners would walk in at such and such school. Some one called Marie, who is a time on such and such a day. Window only 3 years of age, and she darted into ressing became necessary. Robin testi- the street directly in front of the car. fied. So Robin notes were gathered The chauffeur turned the car abruptly. up, wiped off the books and garhered but both wheels passed over the child's nor will I by word or deed do anything and Parker will be accompanied by Meri into a single renewal note drawn by Ferbody. The car quickly stopped and Mr. that will justify the minority in their efforts Lavoy and Arthur Aten, Alaskans, who guson, the clerk. Ferguson has explained Goelet hastened back to the prostrate to frustrate the declared will of the mathat he was advised that there would form and took it to its parents. He jority. If, however, the majority of all the summit a year ago. wrong waited the arrival of Coron so ion committed in covering up Robin. Monroe, who after hearing the stories of eyewitnesses decided not to hold Goelet the chauffeur and they continued on t New York.

WON SEA BET BY TWO MINUTES Optimist on the Caledonia Bet She'd Be Docked by & P. M.

Bad weather in the course of the Ancho liner Caledonia inspired two cabin passen gers with sporting blood and pessimistic temperament to bet another cabin passenger, also with sporting blood and optimistic disposition, that the ship would not get into dock before 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. J. B. Averill of Portland, Ore., is the optimist. The others are Percy Ferrie and J. B. Macdonald. They discussed the bet in the smoking room over cigars and things and the pessimists offered to put up \$50 each against \$200 of the optimist's money The pessimists also wanted certain con ditions that the Caledonia must not only be in dock by 5 P. M., but that the gangplank must be down and secure and that at least one passenger must be on pier. Mr. Averill said the terms

were a bit stiff, but he would accept them. Mr. Averill began blowing in the money he expected to get in libations to Neptune for smoothing the sea. The pessimists acquired optimistic spirits partaking, and when the liner reached Quarantine they expressed a wish that the gentleman from Oregon might win their money if anybody was going to win it. the first cabin passenger stepped off the foot of the gangplank at 4:58. New York

ALICE H. PALMER A SUICIDE. Deaconess, Victim of Tuberculosis, Kills

Herself at Her Father's Cottage. BAY HEAD, N. J., March 26 .- Alice H Palmer, 40 years old, the daughter of Walter Palmer of New York, killed herself in her father's cottage here to-day Miss l'almor was a deaconess and interested in settlement work. Her health gave out several months ago and tuberwho have been subposnaed and culosis developed. Mr. Palmer and his wife accompanied Miss Palmer to their Head cottage, where they hoped that the air would be of benefit to Miss

> Palmer. Miss Palmer was in charge of Miss Miss Palmer was in charge of Miss Lida Maxson, a trained nurse. This morning, after a sleepless night, she complained of feeling worse and asked for a drink of water. While the nurse was out of the room Miss Palmer shot herself in the head with a revolver which she had managed to hide beneath the bedelothes. Neither of the parents of the woman heard the shot fired, and it was not until Miss Maxson returned that Miss Palmer was found dead.
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> Coroner Shoemaker of Point Pleasant took charge of the case.

hicage's Candidate for Mayor Badly Hurt in Auto Accident. CHICAGO, March 26 .- Charles E. Merriam. Republican nominee for Mayor of Chicago, was badly injured in an auto-mobile accident to-night.

SHEEHAN TO STAND BY CAUCUS IF IT REOPENS SENATE NOMI-

NATIONS HE ASSENTS,

And If It Chooses a New Man That Will Be draw His Candidacy From the Caucus.

William F. Sheehan issued yesterday statement wherein he reaffirms his He replied: position of February 28 as to the United cratic legislators called for 9:30 this eve- the caucus."

If and when a majority of the Democratic to reconsider the vote by which I was nominated for United States Senator, to any person participating therein who feels that he is thereafter bound to continue to vote for me because of the prior caucus as the first. If as the result of the caucus ceed to the nomination of a candidate for considers that he is bound for any reason for me, I release him so that he may vote for whom he wills. Should a majority of the Democratic representatives choose MARY ANDERSON WRITES A PLAY another than myself as the party candidate for United States Senator, such action, in my opinion, will operate as a release from all the obligations of the prior party caucus.

Mr. Sheehan at his home explained last evening the meaning of the foregoing paragraph in his letter to be that he, being the candidate of the Democratic party of the State, cannot release any Democrat who has been voting for him since January 16 any more than he can withdraw as the candidate of his party, but that only the Democratic party as represented by the majority in the new joint caucus of the Democratic legislators can release any Democratic legislator who has been voting for him. Mr. Sheehan's letter in full is as follows: To the Democratic members of the Legislature

of the State of New York: By the unanimous vote of the Demo-cratic members of the Legislature a caucus has been called for Monday evening next to consider the matter of the United States

My position on the Senatorship has never been a matter of doubt. I have repeatedly said and I now reiterate that under no circumstances will I decline the nomination was given me by the unanimous vote of the Democratic caucus held on January 16 last, nor will I acquiesce in any sugges for consideration to any future Democrati

in a letter addressed to the Democratic members of the Legislature on February

"I cannot, as the representative of m party. release then elected as Democrats from an obligation which they owe to the party and not to me. I bear no contractual relations with those who are voting for me. If it be possible to release them the party ust do so, not the party candidate.

"I shall remain as my party's candidate for United States Senator so long as the party desires me to do so, no matter what the personal consequences to me may be that the Democratic caucus be reassembled I shall loyally abide by the decision of that caucus and if such caucus shall decide that another than myself shall be chosen to carry the party standard which I have been carrying since January 16, 1911, I will give Inlet.
to such candidate my unqualified and wholehearted support, but short of such action shall not be a party to the destruction of he principle of majority rule.

From that position I have not deviated and will not deviate a hair's breadth If and when a majority of the Demo cratic representatives shall decide in caucus to reconsider the vote by which I was nominated for United States Senator, to any person participating therein that he is thereafter bound to continue to vote for me because of the prior caucus action, I say that the decision of the new caucus should be as binding and effective action it shall be determined to again proceed to the nomination of a candidate for United States Senator to any man who onsiders that he is bound for any reason other than his own sense of duty to vote for me I release him so that he may vote for whom he wills. Should a majority of the Democratic representatives choose another than myself as the party candidate opinion will operate as a release from all the event that a Democrat other than myself shall be selected 1 am sure no Senator or member of Assembly will affront me by continuing to vote for me in the joint assembly. If, however, those who partici-pated in the first caucus or any others who may not have participated therein desire He won by a margin of two minutes, as my full consent to do so. Even if there be not offend the loyal and courageous med who have been supporting me sin nomination by saying to any one of them

that he shall not do so. Respectfully yours.
WILLIAM F. SHEEHAN. NEW YORK, March 25. Mr. Sheehan's friends issued vester day a document in which are briefly summarized some of the indorsements received by Mr. Sheehan since his nomination for United States Senator. In the list there are several petitions from Democrats and others of weight in Cayiga county calling upon Assemblyman Nelson L. Drummond to support Mr. Sheehan. These petitions came from Democrats and others who nominated and supported Thomas Mott Osborne for Mayor of Auburn. Mr. Osborne has been especially active in his opposition to Mr. Sheehan. Then too con stituents of Senator Loomis, Senator Burd, Senator White and Assemblymen Brace, Shortt, Fry and Martin have called upon them to support Mr. Sheehan, the candidate of the Democratic caucus. Assemblyman Day and nearly all other of the anti-Sheehan legislators at Albany have received petitions; reiterated petitions, from the Democrats in their districts calling upon them to support Mr.

The Democratic bolters, led by Senator heavier and Roosevelt and his friends, however, have expansions. refused to heed the requests of their Continued on Fourth Page

INSURGENTS WON'T CAUCUS. Latest Bulletin From Albany Says That They Will Stay Out.

ALBANT, March 26 .- Late to-night it became apparent the insurgents were not going into the second Democratic Binding on Him Too-But He Will Not | caucus to be held to-morrow night at Decline the Nomination or With- 9:30 o'clock. After Senator Roosevelt had talked with Gov. Dix at the Executive TWO MORE BODIES FOUND AT Mansion to-night Senator Roosevelt was asked if he was going into the caucus.

"I will not know definitely until 9:25 States Senatorship and pointedly adds o'clock to-morrow. My impression, howconcerning the new joint caucus of Demo- ever, is the insurgents will not go into

speaking for the insurgents announced representatives shall decide in caucus that the insurgents were afraid it was planned to have numerous candidates for Senator voted for but no choice at the A Hundred a Minute Came Those caucus to-morrow night or on Tuesday, and then by Wednesday if enough inaction I say that the decision of the new surgents had been inveigled into the caucus should be as binding and effective caucus Tammany would throw its whole vote to Daniel F. Cohalan and nominate action it shall be determined to again pro- him for Senator and then dare the insurgents not to vote for him in the Legis-United States Senator, to any man who lature after attending the party caucus.

It was for this reason, it was announced. the insurgents were inclined not to attend the caucus.

Actress, Now Mme. de Navarro, Dramatizes "Garden of Allah" With Hichens.

Special Cable Despatch to TER SUN. LONDON, March 26 .- Mme. Antonio de Navarro, who was known on the stage as Mary Anderson, has written in collabora-tion with Robert Hichens a five act play founded on the latter's book "The Garden of Allah." The play is to be produced at an early date by George Tyler, who has secured both the American and the Eng-

lish stage rights.

Mme. de Navarro and Mr. Hichens are both visiting at Biskra, an oasis in the desert of the Sahara, where some of the

scenes of the play are laid. It is hoped that Forbes Robertson will consent to appear here in the original

DRIFTED ASHORE AND DIED. Had Managed to Keep Affoat After Falling Off Ferrybeat

Dennis L. O'Brien, a building contractor of 1035 Third avenue, fell over board from the ferryboat Manhattan while on a trip from Long Island City to East Thirty-fourth street early yesterday morning.

O'Brien was not seen again from the canal boat Neil Doyle.

Kiehn sent in a call for an ambulance but O'Brien died shortly after Dr. Kent arrived.

TRY, MT. M'KINLEY IN 1914. Parker and Browne Will Tackle Northeast Side—Think Lloyd Made Summit.

TACOMA, March 26 .- Prof. Herschel C. Parker of Columbia University and Belmore Browne, the Tacoma mountaineer, will head another expedition up Mount McKinley in the spring of 1912. Browne and Parker will be accompanied by Merl diamonds.

in the Valdez district. Prof. Parker will join him in July. They will wait until February, when they will leave for the Mount McKinley district via Cook

According to present plans [they will reach the base of the mountain in March. icy slopes. They expect to be on the mountain a month or six weeks. They will ninth floor. attempt to ascend the northeast side.

Belmore Browne now speaks in high terms of Tom Lloyd, the Alaskan, who leaded the famous Fairbanks expedition up the mountain. "Both Prof. Parker and myself feel there is good ground to be lieve that Lloyd reached the top," said Browne, "but the first reports published of his expedition were so full of mistakes and contradictions that an explorer could not make head or tail of them

"In 1906, when within twenty-five miles of the mountain, we started for the northeast side, but then swung off to the south side. Many persons wanted us to try the northeast side, but Prof. Parker and myself were urged by societies interested in exploration to clear up the mystery of the south side of the mountain, a rugged labyrinth of great cliffs and giant glaciers whose course had not been traced.

"In consequence we went to the south side, impelled partly also by the controversy that had arisen regarding Dr Cook's claim to the conquest of the mammoth mountain. We desired to find out what he had done. He alleged that he climbed the mountain from the south side."

PORTUGUESE ARMY PLOT. High Officers and Prof. Aguiar Accused of Conspiracy to Restore King.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. of the discovery of a military conspiracy against the republic at the town of Vizeu three high army officers have been arrested, as well as Prof. Aguiar of the University of Coimbra, who is accused of complicity in the alleged plot.

The authorities say that large quantities have been saized.

of arms and ammunition have been seized at Vizeu. A search has also been made at Vizeu. A search has also be of the military school in this city

COUNTRY BOYS EXCEL. show Up Better Physically Than Those From the Cities.

ITHACA, March 26. -Students from the country districts show up better physi-cally than those from the cities, accordcally than those from the cities, according to a compilation made by men in the department of history and political science at Cornell University. From the measurements of 1,723 students who entered in 1908 and 1900 the statistics were obtained. There were 991 men from the country and 782 city bred students. For the purposes of the tables every place with a population of 25,000 was considered a city. The statistics show that the country bred students were haif an inch taller, three and a half pounds heavier and had slightly greater chest expansions.

Antedituvian Whiskey is distilled from care uily selected grains. Every process of its making insures its medicinal purity.—Adv.

FACTORY FIRE DEAD NOW 142

ter Night and Day' Search.

After the Roosevelt statement a friend MORGUE FULL OF HORROR

Who Sought Their Dead.

Firemen Wading Through the Cellar Look Up to see the Bodles of Two Young Women Lying on the Steam Pipes -Driscoll Orders the Police to Drive Away the Merely Curlous-Women Faint When They See the Charred Corpses-Most of the Identifications Washington Square From Early Morning Until Rain Drives Them Away.

Searchlights on fire apparatus played into the holes that once were windows about. of the Asch Building at Washington place and Greene street until dawn yesterday morning, and throughout the night firemen carrying lanterns searched the ruined came again.

The firemen found two bodies yester day, and counting a skull as a separate be revived. body this raised the police count of the dead to 142

In the early morning hours yesterday firemen who had begun to wade through been pumped out felt around many times by falling bodies, but discovered nothing beneath the surface of the water. times since daylight.

of steam pipes about four feet below the she said, to take her to a moving picture hole in the vault lights. Their bodies had proken the concrete and glass venit lights of the pavement and had fallen through the sidewalk hole to the steam

One of the women wore a locket with the other a pair of earrings set with chip

About 9 o'clock yesterday morning here next May for of an arm and shoulder near the north the nurse's hair standing beside her. nd of the cutting room of the eighth floor, where the fire started, beneath a pile of wet plaster and bits of warped sewing machines. Shortly after this a hand was found on the window ledge of the fifth floor on the Greene street side, evidently broken from the wrist of 1912, and then begin their assault on its a falling body. By nightfall two charred arms and a burned foot were found on the

Many Pushed From Windows.

The windows of the burned floors, a Sun reporter noted yesterday afternoon, begin so close to the floor that the sills are just a few inches below the knees of one standing beside the window. It was evident that many girls therefore whether they wanted to jump or not must have been shoved out of the winlows by the press behind them. Max Blanck of Harris & Blanck, owners

f the Triangle company, told the reporters yesterday that it was against orders to smoke in their lofts. The reorters yesterday while clambering over the débris on the eighth floor at the place where the fire started saw amid the half burned pocketbooks, shoes and other bits of clothing a scorched cigarette box. In another part of the building were a on the floor. Around some of the bodies of the men who jumped and in the pockets of their clothes were quantities of matches. Chief Croker said yesterday that he believed the fire was caused by a smoker. who tossed either a match or a lighted cigarette on the floor among the piles of inflammable flimsy stuff.

When Chief Croker entered the building shortly after 8 o'clock yesterday morning the only living thing he came across was a mouse scrambling across the wreckage piles on the eighth floor. The fire chief picked the mouse up and carried it in his pocket for some time afterward.

The Slow Work of Identification.

The two bodies and the bits of charred emains were sent to the Morgue pier at East Twenty-sixth street and the East River. At 7 o'clock last night there was a row of fourteen pine coffins painted a dull red stretched along the south side of the covered pier and sixty-nine along the north side, each containing a body which in most cases was unrecognizable. Twenty-six of the sixty-nine coffins along the north side of the pier were covered, showing that these bodies had been identified. Of the line of fourteen

across the pier the lids of seven had been astened to the coffins. Came to the Morgue a Hundred a Minute. Except in the cases, and there were many of them, where bodies had been

burned until they were merely shrivelled

black masses, the heads of the dead were

propped up in the uncovered coffins so

that identification might be made easier. SEEKING TO PLACE the Coroners, timed the entrance of the visitors to the pier and found that in the earlier hours people came at the rate of 100 a minute.

The relatives or close friends who were looking for their dead at the Morgue pier began to arrive at the pier an hour or two Saturday night, and they were still in line at dawn. Early yesterday morning the line of those waiting a chance to look at the victims of the fire stretched from the pier entrance back on Twenty-sixth street a long block to First avenue and then south on First avenue to Twentyfourth street. With few exceptions those who arrived from the late forenoon on were curiosity seekers who knew no one who worked in the burned building.

There were frock coated young men carrying canes, who laughed and chatted with well dressed girls as the line jostled slowly eastward toward the pier entranc -young couples who had read the morn ing papers before starting for their Sun day stroll and who wished to see the dead out of curiosity. And there were many of these girls who entered the shedded pier laughing who after a moment of looking at the horrors fell in a faint to the

White capped nurses from Bellevue and Allied Hospitals really had more assistant leading an aged woman or one of middle age along the line of coffins. On the south side of the pier was a white namelled table such as is used in operat Made Early in the Day-Crowd in ing rooms. Many times there would be heard a shriek and a nurse would clasp either begun to grow hysterical upon Department. recognizing her dead or who had fainted from the horror that lay stretched all

A policeman, or many of them, and woman on the table until a stretcher could be brought to the spot. Then the shirtwaist factory floors until daylight woman, shricking in a way that caused ome of the curiosity seekers who were entering the pier to hurry away, would be

The Simply Curious Sent Away.

At dusk Deputy Commissioner Driscoll came to the pier, and noting the numbers of half grown boys and girls and older the water in the basement before it had persons who evidently had no busines there directed the police under Capt. in the water under a hole in the sidewalk O'Connor of the East Fifty-first street vault lights of Greene street, a hole made station to go along the line and turn away all those who could not give a good reason for going on the pier.

One girl, Rosie Solomon of 84 Chrystie he drifted into the foot of East Fortysecond street and was pulled out of the
water by Charles Kiehn, captain of the
canal boat Nail Dowle in June, she told the policemen. He was The dead girls were lying on a lattice to have called for her on Saturday night,

She waited for him until late Saturday night, but he didn't come to see her. She would know him, Rosie said, because she had given him a ring, which he always vore, and a watch and chain. They let her come on the pier, but before the policethe initials "J. T." engraved on it and man had taken her far he called for a nurse and one of the ambulance surgeons to

On a blackened body Rosie found the ring and the watch chain. She shrieked, stretcher she had torn strands of hair

from the nurse's head. A pretty girl came to the pier toward evening and said that Joe was her cousin and that she wanted to see if his body were there. Dr. Brown explained to the girl, who gave her name as Irene Zatuloa of 60 East 119th street, that the body of Joe had been identified by his sweetheart and that it would be futile for her to go out on the pier further to identify the body. They did not tell her how it looked.

She too pleaded to be allowed to look. if only for a moment, at the remains The doctor would not let her come to the pier, but later she got by a policeman and entered. When she sought out another policeman on the pier he took her to Joe's coffin, but a nurse who was standing by persuaded the girl to go away with-Joe came here from Philadelphia not said.

Most of the Identifications Made Before

in of the last two yesterday just before number of half smoked cigarettes lying understand while walking from coffin identified.

It was difficult to make oneself realize that on the previous day they had been human beings. But there was one girl lying there whose regular features were without a scratch or stain and who when | held their opinions until they could report she worked in the factory the day before must have looked very much as she light on several matters that will be gone looked as she lay in the pine box. But into at the Coroner's inquest and before until a late hour no one among the thousands upon thousands who looked down upon her had identified the girl, and so her coffin lay uncovered.

One Old Woman's Sorrow

There was an old woman who shambled in during the afternoon looking for her dead daughter. The mother found the girl in the third coffin she looked into. She didn't cry, but for a long time the old woman gazed at her girl's face.

policeman and nurse who were steadying slowly and then slipped to her knees from the protecting arm of the nurse and

They laid the old woman out on a bench and revived her. The policeman stood beside her until she revived and helped her out to the street, mumbling about Violet as she walked away. As the old woman and the policeman passed Coroner

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BLAME FOR FIRE

after the first body got there early on City Dotted With Dangerous Buildings, Say the Officials.

FIRE DEPARTMENT VIEWS

Waldo and Croket Say They Are **Powerless to Prevent Such** Disasters.

District Attorney Whitman learned yesterday that there are in Manhattan 100 or more loft buildings similar in type to do with the handling of the lines than and construction to the Aşch Building at Washington place and Greene street the police. It was a common sight to see at Washington place and Greene street a nurse instead of a policeman or Coroner's that are not equipped with fire escapes or appliances for fire control. He was told also that there are several hundred factory buildings that have been inadequately inspected by the Building Department or that have violated the State her arms around the woman who had laws or the regulations of the Building

Judge Whitman believes that there is material for a sweeping investigation by the Grand Jury to determine who is rewhite coated surgeons would run to the sponsible for such dangerous conditions. spot then and help the nurse to lift the He doesn't want to be hasty in assuming that disasters such as that of Saturday afternoon are likely to occur in any of the buildings that have been mentioned to him, but Fire Chief Croker, underwriters. carried to a room at the pier entrance to former officials of the State Labor Department and officers of the Consumers League have agreed absolutely in representing to him that Saturday's loss of

life may be duplicated any day. Judge Whitman and Assistant District Attorneys Bostwick, Manley and Rubin, who have been assigned to collect evidence as to the responsibility for the Asch Building fire, have been told that inspections have been disgracefully lax and that despite the outspokenness of Fire Chief Croker nothing has been done by the Building Department to hold the proprietors of loft, office and commercial

buildings up to the law. Inspections-and Nothing More.

The District Attorney is informed that all through the factory district in which the Asch Building is located, as well as generally in Manhattan boween Canal and Twenty-fifth streets and from river to river, proprietors of such buildings have not been compelled to install sprinklers, automatic fire alarms or other safety appliances or to maintain fire escape or to keep doors of egress unlocked. He was told the inspectors of the Building Department appear to make their rounds regularly enough, but that the dangerous

conditions have persisted just the same. While the District Attorney hasn't received an official report as yet from the assistant attorneys and does not desire ment in regard to the peril that Chief Croker and others say factory employees and clerks in big commercial buildings are subjected to every day, he is convinced that the unofficial statements made to him vesterday and the day be fore are accurate. Judge Whitman made

this comment for publication: Mr. Whitman's Statement

"Without intimating even who seems o be responsible for the evils that Mr. Croker and others have pointed out to me. I do believe that no more important subject could be put before a Grand Jury than the inexcusable conditions that seem to prevail all over Manhattan Perhaps the laws are not drastic enough; possibly such laws as we have aren't rigidly enforced: at any rate it will be out looking at the charred body. She essential, I think, for the Grand Jury told the policeman before she left that to spread before the public the exact situation. If the right kind of laws are long ago, where he lived at 528 Green lacking public opinion will get them. She would bury the body, she If the laws haven't been enforced the Grand Jury may be able to find out who is to blame. Mr. Croker tells me that the shocking conditions at the Asch Building are duplicated all through the There were seventy-six bodies identified factory districts and that it has been on the pier between the arrival of the first impossible for him, despite numerous coffin Saturday night and the bringing appeals and protests, to make any headway. Fire Commissioner Waldo agrees noon. Most of the identifications were absolutely with his subordinate. These made during the forenoon. One could men have studied conditions and their opinions are worth while. I cannot to coffin last night with the policemen believe that an occurrence so shocking who carried lanterns why so many of the as that of Saturday can pass without bodies had not been covered; that is, something definite being done to protect the thousands of workers who seem to be helpless as things are now.

Judge Whitman's assistants made yes terday a personal investigation of conditions at the Asch Building. They withto the District Attorney, but they got the Grand Jury. What corroborated all that Chief Croker told their chief when he pointed to the rows of bodies lying in the water along the front of the Asch Building and said:

"Judge, it sickens a man!" What the Assistants Found.

The assistants found that the doors leading to the stairways-three doors, one on each floor-opened inwardly and that all of them were locked. Firemen "Her name is Violet Schochep, and she told the Assistant District Attorneys that lives-lived with me at 740 Fifth when the flames abated so that they could street," the mother said calmly to the get on the floors they found bodies piled in front of the doors, which indicated to her with their arms. She turned about them that dozens of girls had rushed straight for these exits and tried unavailingly to get out. Deputy Fire Chief Binns, one of the first officials on the floors, reported these facts to Chief Croker as soon as he regained the street. The State law provides that such doors shall open outwardly "when practicable." It is left to the discretion of the Building Department, apparently, to determine Holizhauser the Coroner, so he told THE what is "practicable." But the law is clear enough on the point that the doors must be unlocked during working hours.